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Guns
Owned by Lincoln's
Grandfather

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Lincoln Gun Barrel.

What is claimed to be another Lincoln relic was plowed up recently in Washington County, on the place where Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, the parents of President Abraham Lincoln, were married in 1806. The historic find consisted of a gun barrel inscribed with the name "A. Lincoln"—that of the grandfather of the man who became famous in American history.

The pioneer Abraham Lincoln was killed by an Indian in 1788, and tradition has it that the victim carried a powder horn with the same inscription as that on the gun barrel found the other day. Many believe that it was the same firearm the elder Abraham Lincoln carried when he was attacked and murdered by the savage, and that the gun afterward came into the possession of Thomas Lincoln.

It is supposed that the wooden stock of the gun disintegrated in course of time, which would account for only the barrel being found. Anything in the form of a Lincoln relic is well calculated to arouse the keenest interest, particularly when the object bears the name of the pioneer Abraham Lincoln, and is turned up on the historic place where the Lincoln-Hanks wedding was solemnized. The region having been combed for such things, it was believed that every Lincoln memento had been accounted for, but the latest find warrants the hope that still other relics associated with the Lincoln family in Kentucky may be brought to light.

The recent find and the spot where it was made recall the controversy that raged a quarter of a century ago over the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. At that time Washington County vigorously asserted its claim to that distinction, but the weight of evidence favored the Larue County site near Hodgenville, which was converted into a Lincoln memorial shrine.

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Cassius M. Clay has presented to Col. James W. Caperton, of Richmond, Kentucky, the "revolving pistol" given to Clay by Lincoln for his defense of Washington in 1861. 2-27-89

Buys Lincoln's Rifle.

New York, Oct. 30.—A rifle purchased by Abraham Lincoln and Henry Brooner for \$15 when they lived in Spencer county, Indiana, and which was used by the famous war president in deer hunting, brought \$285 in a sale of Lincoln relics here. It was a part of the collection of John E. Burton of Milwaukee, Wis. One of Lincoln's law books sold for \$95. 1/15

